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Editorials

Students are fodder

What is a university?

The Chancellor of the University of Western Ontario has suggested to persons attending the Henry Marshall Tory lecture that the university is an institution "whose sole concern is the fostering and promotion of art, the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences and the professions."

However, he finds it contradictory that such a community is run by a group of businessmen who call themselves a board of governors.

Really, Mr. Chancellor. Do you really think that an institution designed to provide intellectual fodder for the socio-economic status quo could be run by anyone else? For if we examine what in fact (though not necessarily in theory) the various disciplines in the university accomplish we can only conclude that they provide the mulch which gets chewed up and digested by the economic establishment to form that massive pile of excrement we call modern society.

In fact, while many people claim the university should be an institution for the pursuit of knowledge and truth for its own sake, this is impossible when the seeker after truth must sell his soul to the people with money so he can do such

irrelevant things as eat.

While modern man, like his Neanderthal ancestors, must spend the bulk of his waking hours providing himself with the means of physical survival, he cannot possibly undertake a detached search for truth.

What is of ultimate necessity in the present circumstances is that the directors of economic power (the business community and the government) be either persuaded or forced to channel economic, personal, and technological resources away from such non-productive endeavors as weapons and advertising into providing for the physical sustenance for the members of society—without work.

For it is only when the drudge jobs are eliminated, when the work ethic is abolished, when a man can "do his thing" without fear of economic coercion, that a free and disinterested pursuit of truth is possible.

Perhaps if Dr. Wyman's generation had expended its brilliant technological prowess on such a goal rather than on devices of mass slaughter and economic enslavement, wails against the sorry state of that great mirror of modern society called the university would be unnecessary.

A good start

Your association is off to a flying start, so don't let it go into a nose-dive, arts students.

The organizers are to be congratulated for pushing as hard as they did to struggle through basic ways and means to make the association effective and for communicating to the entire faculty the urgent need for students' support.

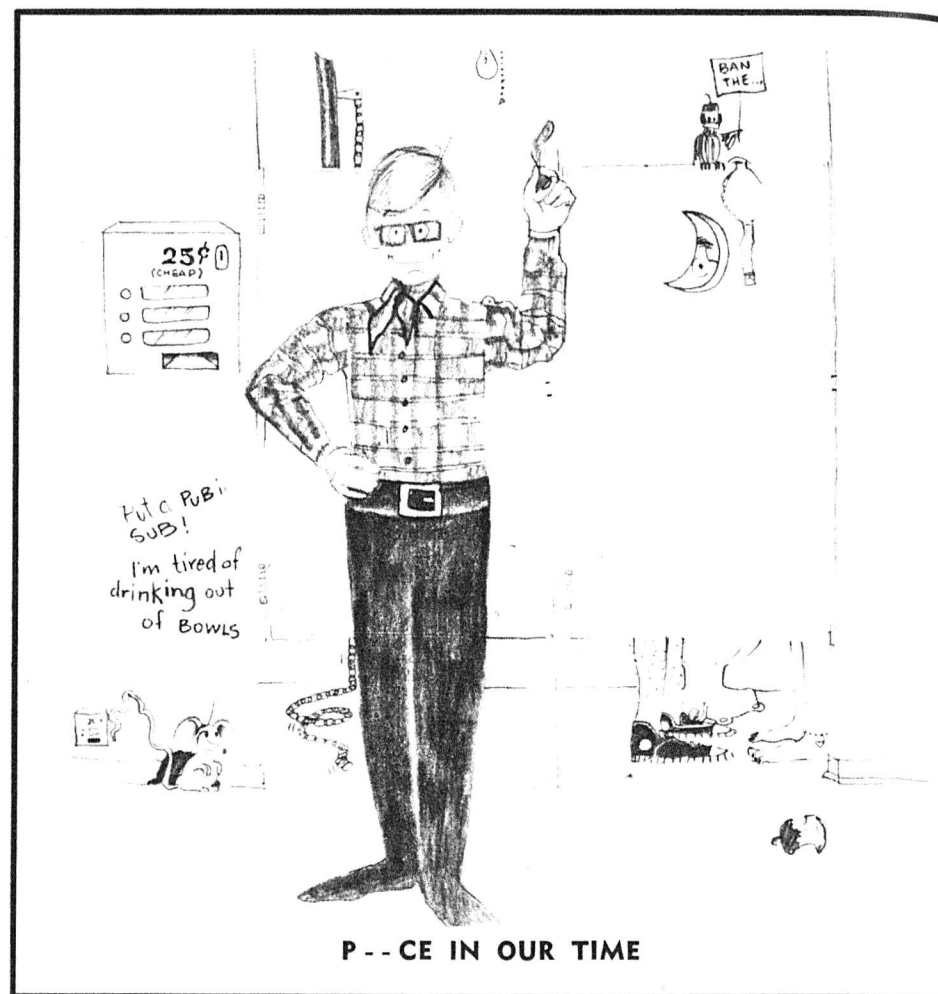
Their success was evident at Wednesday's packed meeting in SUB Theatre. It was a good indication, we hope, that students are not only realizing they do indeed have a responsibility to their education outside attending lectures but are

beginning to see student power as a legitimate channel of change.

A most important move by the fledgling association was its choice of the plenum as its decision-making vehicle. While there will still be an executive, the decision makers will vary as policy meetings are open to all arts students who will represent their own views instead of electing representatives.

It is an experiment in participatory democracy which bears close watching. We can only hope it will work with a body as large as the 3,000 students in arts.

And only those students can make it work.



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It will take some getting used to

WASHINGTON (my CUP runneth over) — People the world over were concerned today as the prospect of peace loomed on the horizon.

Never having seen it before, most people found it quite disconcerting.

The threat first appeared when Arabs and Israelis agreed to bury the hatchet in the Suez Canal, closing it for trade.

After 2,000 years, it took another Jew to set the trend.

Nigerian leaders said they would cease their action against Biafra.

"We've been screwing the Ebu long enough," said one Nigerian spokesman.

The Nigerians have said the screwing will stop if Biafran resistance to it ends.

The Pope re-iterated his "make babies, not bombs" plea today, and said he was pleased with the settlement in Londonderry, in which Protestants, Catholics, a few self-styled prophets and some activists formed a new religious group.

He said, however, that he did not like their new name, the Prophylactics.

The danger has been pooh-poohed by many.

"Dickie wouldn't do this to me," said General West-Moreland.

"We wouldn't know how to prepare for a peace-time economy," said a treasury department spokesman. "We've never had one before."

"Such a move would be un-American and pro-Communist,"

said Alabama Governor George Wallace. Mr. Wallace is presently on trial for assaulting a youth who accused him of having an English name.

However, the move to peace has many adherents.

"We are all in favor of any action which will bring peace," said DOW chemical company president Nay Palm. He then uncrossed his fingers, put his head in his arms and wept.

"Ghifft glack rosdebrotherman, yeah man," said Dr. Timothy Leary in one of his rare coherent moments.

"We pray for peace," said Harold Wilson, "but we pray even more that the Arabs and Israelites will get their damn hatchet out of the Suez Canal. Trade-routes are thicker than veins, you know."

Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver gave the U.S. army new hope today.

"We're planning to open a new front in New Orleans this summer," he said.

This will provide employment for 2,000 city police, 91,000 national guardsmen, 412,000 soldiers, 3,112 doctors, and 12 black militants according to a Federal Bureau of Statistics estimate.

American servicemen became so jubilant that 2,000,000 of them spilled into Canada to beat up on a draftdodger.

Prime Minister Trudeau said that, although he objected to being beaten, he realized that mistakes are made. A strong diplomatic note is now on its way to Washington, he said.